

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : KITAMURA  
Serial No. : 10/528,199  
Confirm. No. : 7023  
Filed : March 15, 2005  
For : HINGE DEVICE  
Art Unit : 4112  
Examiner : Jeffrey D. O'Brien  
Dated : May 9, 2008

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

The Office Action dated December 10, 2007 provided for a shortened statutory period for response of three months.

The shortened statutory period expired March 10, 2008.

Since the attached response is being filed within the second month pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to charge the appropriate petition fee of \$460.00 (fee code 1252).

Respectfully submitted  
for Applicant(s),



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
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DATED: May 9, 2008  
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SHOULD ANY OTHER FEE BE REQUIRED, THE PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE IS HEREBY REQUESTED TO CHARGE SUCH FEE TO  
OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT 13-0410.